THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has notified regulations for "Entry and Operation of Foreign Universities/ Institutions Imparting Technical Education in India" on 3rd April 2003.

(b) No investigation has been conducted by AICTE so far. The AICTE has issued advertisement in the leading neswpapers recently, calling for registration of foreign universities/institutes imparting technical education in India.

(c) Accreditation by the authorised agencies in the parent country with higher grades where grading is available, shall be a pre-requisite condition for any foreign university/institute to start its operation for imparting technical education in India.

Scheme to motivate professionals

641. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission (U.G.C.) has launched a scheme to motivate the professionals both retired and in service to take up teaching at undergraduate colleges located in various areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its main objects;

(c) the response of the academic community to the scheme; and

(d) by when the scheme is likely to be operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) As per information furnished by U.G.C. it has no such scheme.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Increase of fees in Open Universities

†642. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.